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Guys and Dolls stars roll up to the roulette table at The Casino MK ahead of their show at MK Theatre this week. See our review at onemk.co.uk



## Queen's award is an honour

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# Can hospital handle 3,000 extra births?

BY CHRIS KNIGHT

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**FEARS are mounting over proposals to almost double the number of births at Milton Keynes University Hospital (MKUH).**

Parents and expectant mums are concerned about the plans, with one mum stating she would 'never' go back to give birth.

And a former Bedford Hospital consultant has predicted it would only be a matter of time before a Bedford mum gives birth on a roundabout en route to MKUH.

The controversial Bedfordshire and Milton Keynes Healthcare Review

has recommended transferring all maternity services for planned births at Bedford to MKUH, which will translate to an average of 3,000 more deliveries per year.

At MKUH last year, 4,013 babies were delivered, meaning the number will almost double if the plans are given the green light.

Coral Thompson, 29, a mother-of-two from Emerson Valley, had both her children delivered at MKUH in the last few years, and has labelled the proposals an 'awful idea'.

She said: "They can't deal with the capacity of MK as it is, let alone adding Bedford to that."

"I didn't have the best experiences

at the hospital, and I think they're already too overstretched."

"Having a child is supposed to be one of the most magical experiences, but this would significantly reduce the level of care staff could offer and it would become a production line of getting people in and out quickly."

Robert Oakley, who worked at Bedford Hospital for 30 years, believes expectant Bedford mums will suffer 'uncomfortable' journeys to the hospital.

He added: "I would estimate the cost of rebuilding and expanding at MKUH will rise to tens of millions."

The recommendations were due to be discussed in a meeting yesterday,

but have been 'paused' due to the upcoming EU Referendum.

Iain Stewart, MP for Milton Keynes South, is frustrated at confusion surrounding the announcements, and is seeking clarification.

He added: "I strongly believe that with a growing population we need to expand and upgrade our hospital, with more services must also come more resources and that is what I have and will continue to fight for."

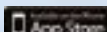
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## More special people make honours list

A MAN who was inspired to improve interfaith relations in Milton Keynes has been honoured in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Anouar Kassim (pictured) has been made a Member of the British Empire (MBE) for his work with the Islamic Arts and Heritage Association, which he founded after the London terrorist attacks in July 2005.

Mr Kassim said: "It was a big surprise. As well as festivals we visit schools in Milton Keynes and the surrounding areas. If you look at what has just happened in America, it is why we want to change the narrative in our society."

Three other people from MK have also been honoured with MBEs for services to business, education and energy efficiency. See the full list at onemk.co.uk



Success in the saddle: Rachel Medill has received a Queen's Birthday Honour

# Rachel riding high at award

BY SCOTT KIRK

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**THE owner of a charity has been awarded a Queen's Birthday Honour.**

Rachel Medill, 52, from Aspley Guise, gave up a lucrative marketing career in the City of London to set up Ride High at Great Brickhill in 2008 - a charity which helps support disadvantaged young people in Milton Keynes through contact with horses.

The programme has had great success and students have thrived on the outdoor work and physical activity, gaining a sense of achievement and growing in confidence.

Rachel started with a grant of £1,500 from Milton Keynes Community Foundation, enabling her to buy equipment and build partnerships with a

local riding school, commissioning them to provide lessons and supply the horses. Around 80 young people are supported by Ride High every week with more than 500 benefitting since its opening.

She takes in children aged between eight and 17 whose needs are a challenge to both state and society.

Now Rachel hopes to expand the operation and help even more children by putting on apprenticeships and creating a cafe.

She said: "I had just come back from an amazing holiday with my husband to celebrate our 20th anniversary when I found out! He has been so supportive, when we've been up against it and he has kept me going."

"I'm so thrilled and honoured to have received this."

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# Service held for Orlando victims



Orlando shootings: Residents meet to pay respects to the victims of the Pulse killings in America

BY SCOTT KIRK

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**The LGBT community rallied together on Monday to show their support for the victims of the Orlando shootings with a vigil at the MK Rose in Campbell Park.**

Milton Keynes Council also showed its support for the 49 people who died and more than 50 people who were injured following the attack on the gay nightclub, Pulse, in Florida, by raising the LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) flag at half mast.

Jo Astor, from Tattenhoe, organised the event on Monday morning and despite

late notice was still attended by at least 50 people.

There was an outpouring of emotion from people who spoke while lighting candles, and some balloons were released to remember the dead. A minute's silence was also held.

One person who spoke at the vigil said: "It's terrible that this has happened but we can't go back to being afraid."

Jo added: "We're trying to mirror what's being done in the rest of the country."

"We (the LGBT community) are still not safe. This is personal and every single LGBT person had felt this personally."

"How can we be in a world where we can't be safe and be ourselves?"

"We don't do enough in Milton Keynes and we need to do more – we're visible now and we need to continue that visibility."

LGBT charity Q:Alliance and The Parks Trust also helped support the vigil.

Suzanna Raymond, community engagement officer, commented: "We were in solidarity with the events happening worldwide and anywhere else that people feel safe enough."

"We all feel shock about this and we are standing up for those who can't."

## Jewellers targetted by hooded robber

**A WOMAN in her twenties was scratched by a thief during a robbery in Bletchley.**

At around 5.20pm on Saturday, a man entered F Hinds jewellers in The Brunel Centre and requested to see some 9ct gold wedding rings.

While being shown the rings, the offender grabbed the pad

of rings and in doing so scratched the victim. The offender ran in the direction of Sainsbury's. He is white, aged in his late twenties to early thirties, 6ft 2ins. He was wearing a faded blue baseball cap, a blue or grey hooded top and jeans. If you saw anything call police on 101.

## Fine for Blue Badge misuse

A DRIVER has been left more than £500 out of pocket after using a disabled Blue Badge that she wasn't entitled to.

Deborah Bolton, 54, of Favell Drive, Furzton, pleaded guilty by post to misusing a Blue Badge in a case heard by Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court on Friday.

She had been seen by council officers displaying the badge, which had been issued to her employers and reported lost by them some months before, while parked in a disabled bay at Milton Keynes University Hospital.

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#### Blue Lagoon rubbish

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#### Queen's 90th parties

RESIDENTS got together across the city to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday at the weekend. See pictures of some of the street parties and share yours at onemk.co.uk

#### Cat survives storms

FIREFIGHTERS and the RSPCA rescued a cat which had been stuck on a roof in Chicksands Avenue, Monkston, since Saturday. The cat was brought down on Monday night around 6.45pm after Sunday's storm.



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## Growing unrest an issue

ONE thing that I have hardly heard mentioned at all during the referendum campaign is that we are not the only nation with a large amount of people wanting out of the EU.

There are quite a few countries with growing unhappiness about being in the EU, including France, Germany, Sweden and Poland.

If it is such a great alliance making so much better for us all, why is there such growing unrest amongst the general populations of so many of the member states?

It stands to reason that these countries will also eventually have to give in to the wishes of their people and have in/out referendums, which could bring about the end of the EU as a political union and we could then have what we signed up to in the first place – a common market without having to give up control of our country.

**Simon Waller**  
**Bletchley**

### EU choices stink

LIKE many people, I feel as if there's a bad smell under my nose when I think about the EU referendum. Either choice stinks! Both show protectionism at its most blatant, deluded and ugliest.

The worst smell is coming from the elephant in the room, the driving force of the Single Market. Competition.

The EU has done some good things and many good people feel we need to stay in it so that we can reform it and drive it to do much, much better for the sake of the planet and all its people. But, by its very nature, competition has to have winners. So it also has to have losers.

In the EU, just as everywhere else, the winners are the strongest and the richest.

As any campaigning organisation knows but doesn't openly admit, those who are the strongest and richest never give way on the things that keep them in power. So there is no way the EU will be reformed as a result of the UK staying in.

And as for peace? - the original purpose of the EU? We don't have it.

## Send picture to win a funny prize



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This week's photograph was taken by Vadims Bulis

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was them over there what made me do it'. We shall see more clearly who is to blame for what. And we will have to take direct responsibility for what we are or are not prepared to do about it.

So I, for one, am holding my nose and voting to leave and praying that, when we do, this country rediscovers its will to good.

**Pauline Welch**  
**By email**

### A poem for the Queen

HAPPY 90th birthday!  
I know I won't get an invite,  
And I won't get a slice of cake.  
But being the good-natured soul that I am,  
A little observation I'd like to make.  
Dear Ma'am I can see your position,  
Why at your party I shall not dine.  
It's obvious to me why I wasn't invited,  
I didn't invite you to mine.  
**Vera Stone**  
**Loughton**

#### comment

**Paul Griffiths**

His column written exclusively for OneMK

YOU will, no doubt, be aware that following the Prime Minister's negotiations with his 27 EU counterparts, a referendum will be held on the UK's membership of the EU on the June 23.

As a business membership organisation representing about 400 businesses across the borough of Milton Keynes, we recognise that the issue of the UK's future relationship with the EU is of paramount importance – regardless of the outcome of the vote.

Milton Keynes Chamber of Commerce has been liaising with both official campaigns in order to secure speakers for an EU Referendum debate that we are hosting on June 15. As a result we've secured speakers from both official campaign organisations – VoteLeave and Britain Stronger in Europe.

The debate is only open to chamber members, but we have also set up several pages on our website [www.chambermk.co.uk](http://www.chambermk.co.uk) so that you can inform yourselves on both sides of the EU Referendum debate, to ensure that when you head to ballot box on June 23 you make an educated, informed decision.

## Your messages on our Facebook page about which estates will be regenerated by MK Council /OneMKNews

**Simon Clawson:** They're only regenerating or rebuilding council owned houses? This is going to look a total dog's dinner. On a lot of those estates some of the worst properties are privately owned and rented.

They're owned by landlords who are more than happy to collect taxpayers' money, in the form of housing benefit, while spending absolutely the minimum on upkeep.

This plan seems to suggest they could be left as they are while millions are spent around them.

That's pointless! Surely compulsory purchase orders are needed so that a proper job can be done?

Are the architects of this plan aware of the term ghetto? If you want to create them this seems a great way to do it. As many people cannot get into housing association or council owned accommodation this plan consigns those to live in substandard housing.

**Mark Blake:** Simon Clawson firstly the council are looking at council property first, that's true, but the thing is, if a council house does need demolishing on, let's say Netherfield, from what I believe, they will put in a CPO so that blocks can be demolished as you can't really pull down a house in the middle of a terraced block of houses.

**Rachel Wilson:** It's not just the run down houses it's the people who live there who destroy outside by littering and dog mess etc. If I had a garden despite being in a housing association property I'd do my garden weekly to make the best of what I have got but a lot of people don't.

**Shireen Hall:** I would have said the one that was the most visible. Having said that there's not a lot of difference so I would look at the area where those who have looked after their surroundings the most because they are the most deserving.

**Jane Gudgeon:** It will go to the same estates it always goes to.

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# Lightning strike unites residents

BY CHRIS KNIGHT

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**A MUM has thanked the community and firefighters for their 'unbelievable' support after lightning struck her family home.**

Marsha Walker, 39, was at home with children Michaela, seven, Ezra, six, and Rachel, three, when the house in Broughton was struck during the thunderstorm on June 7 just before 5.30pm.

Nobody was injured in the strike, but a fire ripped through the roof, and it is estimated rebuilding work to restore the house will take six months.

Mrs Walker said: "The force of the lightning strike threw me down to the ground.

"I immediately phoned my husband, and then a neighbour started banging on the back door shouting there was a fire.

"She was screaming for us to get out.

"The children lost everything – all of their clothes and toys.

"The house at the moment is pretty much a complete write-off."

The fire ruined the children's bedrooms, and water used to extinguish the blaze caused flood damage downstairs.

Firefighters bravely saved sentimental items such as wedding rings and photos for the family.

The Walkers are currently staying in a flat in Campbell Park, and have since been overwhelmed with donations and support.

A JustGiving page



**Community matters:** Marsha Walker, husband Graham and their children Michaela, Ezra and Rachel (right), with their neighbours and friends who have rallied to support the family

Read more about the storms on our website  
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has raised nearly £1,000 for the family, and friends have cooked meals and donated children's clothes, shoes, and even televisions.

Mrs Walker says she is grateful for all of the support.

She added: "The fire service were absolutely phenomenal, they were so calm and composed.

"We have been inundated with messages and donations – it has been unbelievable."

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### Councillor's wedding

DANESBOROUGH and Walton Ward Councillor Alice Bramall celebrated her marriage on Saturday by toasting with Hornes Beer from Bow Brickhill. Cllr Bramall, now Jenkins, said she was keen that her guests got to sample the latest tipple from the Bow Brickhill micro-brewery which was launched in March 2015 at her wedding in North Milton Keynes. See more at [onemk.co.uk](http://onemk.co.uk)

## Law firm apologises for offensive tweets

**A LAW firm has apologised for a series of tweets bragging about winning tribunal cases against parents of children with special educational needs.**

Baker Small, based in Knowlhill, is hired by local authorities to challenge parents who request support

or want a school place for their disabled child.

But over the weekend, the firm's Twitter account issued a stream of tweets that left parents shocked and offended.

Mark Small, managing director, said: "Full and appropriate action will be taken to address the matter."

## Drug arrest after A5 crash

A WOMAN has been arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of drugs after her car rolled onto its side.

Police are appealing for witnesses after the 25-year-old, from Walnut Tree, was involved in a crash at about 7.50pm on June 2 on the A5 northbound between Redmoor

roundabout and Portway roundabout when a grey Mercedes van collided with a silver Toyota IQ which resulted in the Toyota rolling. Officers are appealing for those who stopped and helped the female driver out of the car to call police on 101. She has been bailed until September 20.

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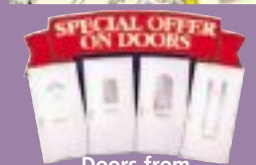
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**Remembered: Milton Keynes Mayor Steve Coventry laid a wreath at Albert French's pillar at MK Rose following the service on Sunday**

## Centenary of soldier Albert's death

**FIRST** World War victim Albert French was remembered in a service at MK Rose on Sunday - 100 years after his death.

Albert enlisted in 1915 without his family's knowledge and served as a rifleman for eight months. But at the age of 16 - just a week before his 17th

birthday - he was killed in Ploegsteert, Belgium.

Music at the ceremony was provided by Wolverton Town Band and MK Music Makers, and the Mayor of Milton Keynes Steve Coventry laid a wreath on a pillar dedicated to Albert.

Roger Kitchen, chairman of the Living Archive, said:

"Albert has become someone people have been able to identify with, and we are able to remember him and the many others who gave their lives."

Tonight at 6.30pm, another service will be held in Albert's memory at The Memorial in Wolverton Square.

# Stabbing was a revenge attack

**BY CHRIS KNIGHT**

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**A PERSONAL trainer who plunged a kitchen knife into a man's abdomen in a revenge attack has been jailed.**

Fabreese Mullings (pictured), 24, of Robinson Street, Bletchley, armed himself with two knives on November 21 last year, after hearing friend Jordan Brown had been involved in an altercation with victim Wayne Munt.

Mullings, who was in Luton at the time, drove to Clarence Street in Leighton Buzzard

and climbed the staircase of a block of flats, where he was heard to say 'who has got a problem with Jordan?'. He confronted Mr Munt between the second and third floors, and savagely plunged the larger of the knives into Mr Munt's stomach, before pulling out the blade and escaping.

Mr Munt collapsed and the court was told he suffered a 10-centimetre deep wound which caused damage to his liver and gall bladder.

Mr Munt remained in intensive care at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge until December 18 and was discharged a week later.

He suffered blood clots on his lungs and underwent four operations. Life-changing injuries mean he can no longer work as a labourer.

Mullings pleaded guilty at Luton Crown Court to wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

On Friday, Judge Philip Bartle jailed Mullings for nine years.



### oneMK briefs

#### Question Time

Prime Minister David Cameron is coming to Milton Keynes for a special edition of BBC One's Question Time. It will be broadcast live on Sunday from an unconfirmed venue.

#### Euro 2016 warning

With Euro 2016 underway, police are urging drivers to think twice before thinking of drink and drug driving.

#### Smart benches

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## 'I want to be female president'

**AN ON-THE-RUN convicted fraudster has claimed on social media she wants to become the first female president of Nigeria.**

Tina Beloveth-Powerful was found guilty of running bogus business school Everest School of Transformational Leadership in June 2015, but

skipped bail and a warrant for her arrest is outstanding.

In a post entitled Women Leadership on her Facebook page, she says the presidency has been her ambition since birth, and she believes President Barack Obama and Prime Minister David Cameron will support her.

## Appeal after girl on bike hit

POLICE are appealing for witnesses to track down a driver who hit a girl riding on her bicycle in Conniburrow.

At about 4.45pm on June 5 the girl, 11, was riding in Cleaver's Avenue when she was involved in the collision.

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# 'Ashley's death still haunts us'

BY CHRIS KNIGHT

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**THE family of Ashley Gillard said his death will 'haunt them forever' after his killer was jailed on Thursday.**

As previously reported by this newspaper, Mr Gillard was found dead in his flat in Trevithick Court, Wolverton, on June 8 last year.

Gay lover Thomas White left Mr Gillard to die after he suffered a drug-induced sex session.

Enraged by his partner's recent revelation of being HIV positive, White returned several days later to cover his tracks by setting fire to the flat, and fleeing to safety from the third-floor balcony.

After White was sentenced at Luton Crown Court, the Gillard family said their 'life sentence' without Mr Gillard had now begun.

They said: "We will never truly know what happened to Ashley on that day. It's something that will haunt us forever. We now begin our life sentence without Ashley."

"A huge thank you to the



**Nightmare: Ashley Gillard was found dead after Thomas White, top right, set fire to his third-floor flat in Wolverton, bottom right**

police, family, friends, Ashley's friends, our employers and work colleagues for your support throughout this horrific nightmare and for your continued support."

White, 26, of Bibury Close, Wellingborough, pleaded guilty to the manslaughter of Mr Gillard, 31, on the basis of gross negligence.

He also admitted arson being reckless as to whether the life of others was endangered as well as charges of

theft and fraud, a further arson offence and two charges of taking vehicles without authority.

Judge Richard Foster, presiding over the case, told White: "You intentionally did nothing to help a fellow human being in what was a life threatening situation."

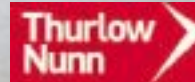
White was sentenced to nine years and nine months in jail, and will spend four years on licence following his eventual release.



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# Horses protect Queen at Ascot

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THAMES Valley Police (TVP) horses based in Milton Keynes are at Royal Ascot this week to protect Her Majesty the Queen.

TVP has 10 horses based at its stables in the city and some of them will be responsible for crowd control at the famous horse racing meeting, but two were chosen to protect the Queen's carriage yesterday.

Aurora and Loki were picked for this very important job.

There will be a crowd of at least 60,000 at the races this week and as well as protecting the VIPs and the Queen, the police horses and their officers will provide firearms operation.

The horses will be kept at Ascot in temporary stables for the week and it is by far one of the busiest periods of the year for the animals.

Officers have been preparing for months.

Every horse must be at least 17 hands high to intimidate but also to give officers the



**Mounted:** TVP horses protecting crowds at Ascot yesterday. Horses Aurora and Loki had the special role of royal protection

best view of the crowd. Sergeant Spencer Kervin said: "This is a major test for them and it's a big ask."

"The horses have shown real courage and that fills me with an understanding that these horses will do well."

"I'm really proud of what my team have done and ultimately we are there to protect the Queen's life."

As well as the Mounted Section, the TVP dogs section, armed response, and

officers will also be attending the event.

You can see some of the horses in action on Channel 4 this week.

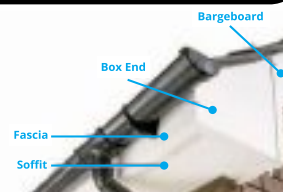
Superintendent Jim Weems, silver police commander for the event, added: "TVP has been involved in policing Royal Ascot for many years. Every year is different but the challenge remains the same for us to support those attending as well as those living near to Ascot Racecourse."

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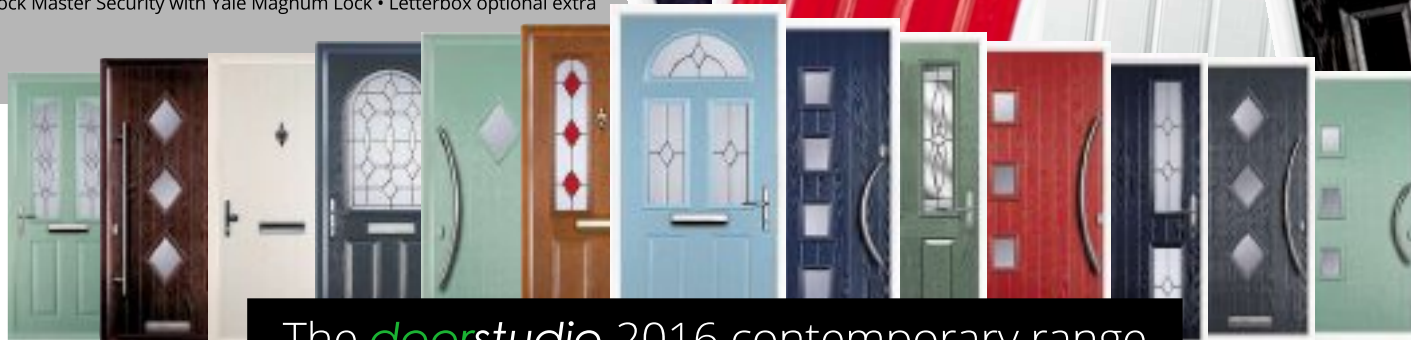
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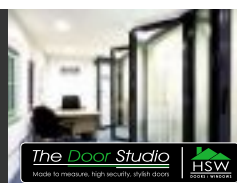
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# 'Guest house owner put lives in danger'

BY CHRIS KNIGHT

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**A GUEST house owner who 'recklessly put people's lives at risk' has been fined nearly £25,000 for serious breaches of fire safety regulations.**

Nicole Harris, owner and responsible person for 2 Titchmarsh Court, Oldbrook, appeared before Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court for sentencing on June 6.

Harris, also known as Nicola Hunter, pleaded guilty to eight charges at a previous hearing on February 26 for failing to take adequate fire precautions, and a further two charges for obstructing fire officers.

The charges were brought following an inspection of the house by fire safety officers on June 18, after a complaint from Milton Keynes Council housing officers.

The inspection identified significant breaches of fire safety regulations which led to the issue of a prohibition notice.

These included inadequate fire protection of fire escape routes, combustible storage



**Fined: Station commander Ian Wilson said owner Nicole Harris put 'lives at risk' and tried to 'mislead' the inspecting officers**

material within the escape route, an inadequate warning system, no firefighting equipment, and a failure to comply with a prohibition notice.

Harris continued to let parts of the house for sleeping guests, despite the notice being served.

Station Commander Ian Wilson, head of the fire safety enforcement team, said: "By allowing vulnerable people to sleep in her guest house,

when she knew a prohibition notice was in place, the defendant recklessly put these people's lives at risk.

"To compound matters, she lied to officers and deliberately tried to mislead them."

Harris was fined a total of £16,000 for the 10 offences together with a victim surcharge payment of £15, and must pay full costs of £8,153.29 in favour of Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority.

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# Going back in time with Roman finds

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**MILTON Keynes is sometimes thought of as having no history, but nothing could be further from the truth.**

A rare Roman coin forger's kit, found near the A5 roundabout in Fenny Stratford, has just returned from a loan to the British Museum, where it has been starring in its Hoards: A Hidden History exhibition.

The display, which ran for five months, was seen by more than 150,000 people.

Currently cared for by Bucks County Museum, the forger's kit is one of the many important MK finds that will be returning to the city when the new Milton Keynes Museum expansion opens in 2018.

Keeper of archaeology at Bucks County Museum, Brett Thorn, said: "It was nice to have national recognition of findings in Milton Keynes."

Another Milton Keynes hoard, found just north of the city, is currently part of a ground-breaking scheme to put real archaeological objects into primary schools,



**Closer to heritage: Pupils Lottie Kichin, Amber Billington and Amelie Jamme from St Mary's School with the coins on display**

linking in to the new national history curriculum.

Thanks to sponsorship by Milton Keynes Council the Rubbish Money tour has taken real Roman coins from the 4th century AD into six local schools.

It is currently on show at St Mary's Wavendon and Mr Thorn added: "The hoard uncovered more than 1,000 coins with some of the best being displayed for half a term at primary schools.

"Thanks to MK Council funding this is the first time we have been able to run the scheme which enables children to get up close to their local heritage."

"A costume interpreter introduces the children to the display before it is left with them."

The tour hopes to visit more schools next year. If you are interested, contact Mr Thorn at [bthorn@buckscounty-museum.org](mailto:bthorn@buckscounty-museum.org)

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# Action day aims to help the homeless

Teams from all sorts of organisations in Milton Keynes, including OneMK, were out on streets last Wednesday trying to help the homeless. The areas the team covered were in Central Milton Keynes and included Station Square, areas around Network Rail and Santander, Lloyds Court, underpasses, Xscape, The Point, the market and the Food Centre. Reporter Scott Kirk joined one of five teams who went out in Central Milton Keynes looking for people to make sure they knew the sorts of services that were available to homeless people in the city.



Homeless: Craig Jones, above, as teams help rough sleepers like him around Central Milton Keynes on Wednesday

## The Hub

STAFF at The Hub said they have had problems with rough sleepers. Security guard Ray Chambers, below middle, who has been in his job for eight and a half years, reckons the problem is worse now than when he first started. Development manager at The Hub Paul Eva said: "We have taken security measures to prevent access but some are relentless." He added he has had to clear up after homeless people after he claims they have broken in.



## Problem

ROB Harriman, street warden from Milton Keynes City Centre Management and Central Milton Keynes Town Council, believes there are 17 homeless people in Central Milton Keynes at any one time. He also says professional beggars among the rough sleepers can earn as much as £150 a day from begging. PCSO David Sadler said people come to the city from other areas, adding: "They know that people in Milton Keynes are fairly generous." Colin Wilderspin, head of community safety for Milton Keynes Council's SaferMK, said: "This is a community issue, and there is not just one solution because it is more complex than that. "This has been about ensuring that we get the right support in place."



## Streets

OUTSIDE Sainsbury's on Witan Gate, Craig Jones from Birmingham said he had been on the streets for around a year because of a breakdown in his relationship. In a separate incident, five minutes into our search we found human excrement and clothes at an electricity cupboard just off Avebury Boulevard.



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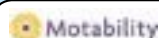
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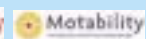
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I'm sure you will have read recently about the troubles facing Tata Steel and BHS and in particular the huge deficit of their final salary pension schemes (around £485m and £571m respectively). One of the reasons it becomes so hard to find a buyer for these companies is because of the huge pension deficits. No one wants to buy a company where they need to plug these holes!

This has now led the government to consider proposals which could significantly alter how final salary pension benefits are calculated.

When you reach retirement, the income from your final salary pension is calculated using a combination of the salary before you retired and the length of time you were employed by the company. Once the benefits are calculated they will usually increase each year by the Retail Price Index (RPI). The RPI is a measure of inflation that tracks the change in prices of a sample of goods and services.

This level of inflation measure is usually higher than the



**Carl Roberts** Director

government's other measure of inflation, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as the CPI does not include housing costs such as mortgage costs and council tax. To give you an idea of the difference, RPI at the time of writing was 1.3% whereas CPI was 0.3%.

The government is currently consulting on whether to change the law to allow trustees of pension schemes to switch from making pension increases based on RPI to CPI. Over time this could cause a massive reduction in the level of pension increases you will receive. The government says this would only

be for unique circumstances such as Tata and BHS. The problem is, this could set a dangerous precedent, because let's face it, Tata and BHS are not unique situations. Many final salary pension schemes are underfunded and at risk of failing you as workers and pensioners.

Companies are likely to be all for the changes as it will be saving them massive liabilities. And what's to say they will stop with the pension increases? They could decide to make other changes to the rules which could all result in final salary pensions not being as certain as they once were.

Recent pension freedom rules have made it the ideal time to review your final salary pension to ensure it is still going to deliver the pension you need it to. If it turns out it's not, perhaps it's time to take back control.

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## Concert rubbish to be cleared at Bowl

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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**ELECTRIC Daisy Carnival will explode with colour and sound but not rubbish, according to waste collector Cawleys.**

Residents around The National Bowl are being reassured there won't be a huge mess as complaints are made annually after music events.

Electric Daisy Carnival (EDC) is a one-day electronic party being held at The Bowl on Saturday, July 9.

Organisers have appointed Cawleys, a waste management company based in Old Wolverton, to ensure all waste is removed.

Shockingly, a cigarette butt can take up to 14 years to degrade, and each cigarette can contaminate eight litres of ground water. Furthermore, urine in the ground causes acidification and increased ammonia levels in surrounding water, potentially affecting wildlife and fish.

Once the festival is over, the Cawleys team will work through the night emptying



**Keep it clean: Fans enjoying the Electric Daisy Carnival in 2014**

all remaining waste from the site. As OneMK previously reported, in 2014 and 2015 residents in Knowlhill, Bleakhall and Furzton were frustrated by the amount of rubbish left behind after events such as EDC, Kings of Leon and Pearl Jam.

Milton Keynes Council met with event organisers to remind them that a private contractor must be appointed.

Councillor Zoe Nolan,

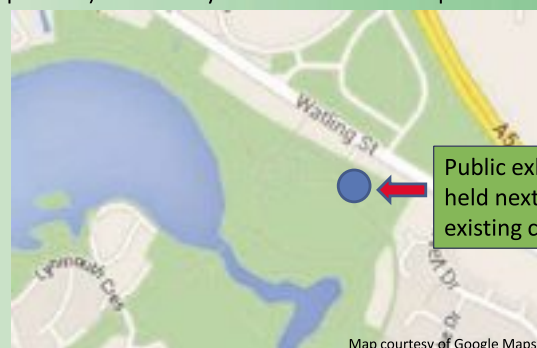
deputy chairwoman of Loughton and Great Holm Parish Council said: "We were very concerned by the rubbish and anti-social behaviour associated with this concert last year. Local residents cannot be subjected to this again. Councillors have been raising those concerns with the organisers who have agreed to meet in early July with MK Council so we can scrutinise the plans to avoid it being repeated."

## Proposals at Furzton Lake to be exhibited

Golf City MK and the Parks Trust have proposed an adventure golf course and cafe next to the existing car park. The new course will have 27 holes, nine of which will be wheelchair friendly.

The plans also include a cafe overlooking the lake with managed public lavatories. The cafe will have a bike hire scheme supplied by local bike manufacturer, Electra.

Come and find out more about the proposals at our public exhibition at the existing car park off Watling Street (see map below) on Tuesday 21 June between 4-8pm.



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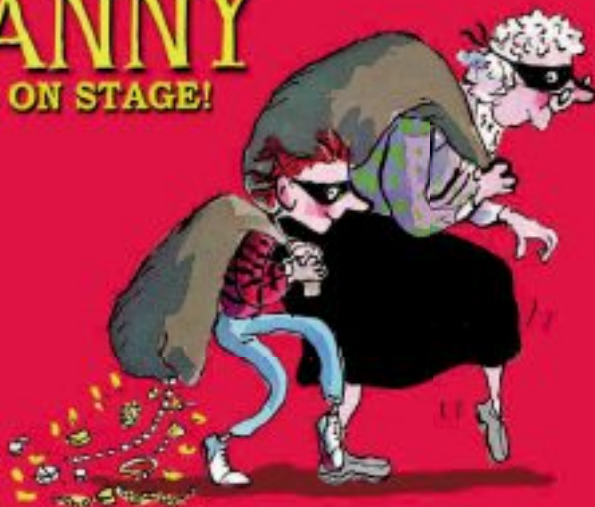
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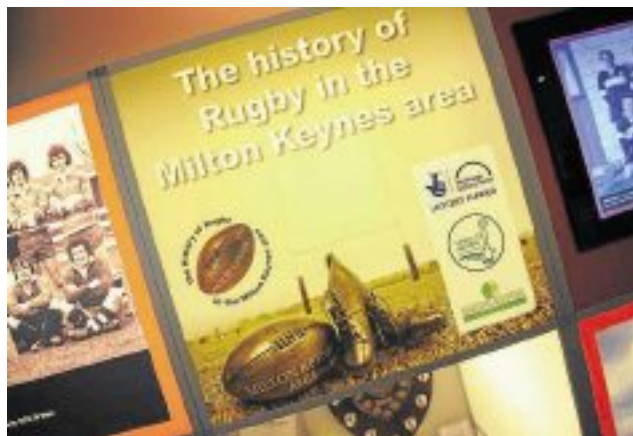
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# It's worth a try

BY SCOTT KIRK  
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**AN exhibition is celebrating our rich rugby heritage.**

Last year the Rugby World Cup came to Milton Keynes, and Living Archive MK began the process of researching club archives and collecting stories from fans, enthusiasts and players.

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Wolverton and Olney along with Stony Stratford and Newport Pagnell, through to the evolution of the Bletchley and Milton Keynes City clubs and some of the local teams in between, and of course the Rugby World Cup.

"There is a rich history of rugby in the area and we want to acknowledge that," said Mel Jeavons, general manager at the Living

Archive. "We're trying to get people to see the value of keeping their medals.

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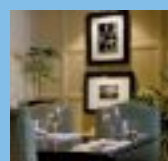
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# MasterChef's Jen shares her recipes

BY JESSICA DUNCAN  
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**MASTERCHEF 2016 semi-finalist Jen Charlton has teamed up with OneMK to share some of her tasty recipes with our readers.**

As OneMK previously reported, the Santander mortgage advisor, who lives in Central Milton Keynes, impressed judges Gregg Wallace and John Torode and made it through to the semi-final. She was knocked out after round three despite the popularity of her Nepalese momos with Thai soup dish.

But the 27-year-old has not slowed down and as well as sharing her favourite recipes with OneMK she is planning a website.

She said: "Since MasterChef the response I've had from people has been amazing."

"It's so lovely being recognised around Milton Keynes and have people talk to me about the show."

"I've certainly had a lot more people wanting to come round for dinner since I was on MasterChef and I have



**MasterChef star: Jen Charlton has been overwhelmed by the support from residents and is now sharing her cooking tips**

people dropping round all the time to try my latest experiments.

"So many people have been really excited for me and it's been great having the support I've had from friends, family and the people of Milton Keynes."

"Since doing the show I've been a lot more conscious of what my food looks like and I've started an Instagram to show people what I've been up to (Jenlcharlton).

"My culinary journey is not over yet and I've been asked to cater private dinner parties and make birthday cakes for people!"

Jen's first recipe for OneMK readers is a five spice pork belly, with sweet potato velouté, tarragon and rocket salad, black rice and ginger crisps. Jen will continue to share recipes including for corned beef and duck. See the step by step instructions at onemk.co.uk



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**Rio 2016:** Greg Rutherford with Susie Verrill and son Milo. He was recently presented a model of the statue that is on display on the A421 as you come into Milton Keynes. The couple have shared their concerns about the Zika virus ahead of the Rio games.

# Greg's Zika fear

BY JESSICA DUNCAN  
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**OLYMPIC gold medallist Greg Rutherford has had his sperm frozen before competing at the Rio Olympics because of Zika virus fears.**

According to his girlfriend Susie Verrill, who has written an article on why she and their son Milo will not be attending the Games, Greg has taken the measure as a precaution.

The couple from Woburn Sands had their first child in 2014 and they have said they would love to have more in

the future. In Susie's article for the Standard, she wrote: "We've made the decision to have Greg's sperm frozen."

"It's just another thing we don't want to chance."

"We'd love to have more children and, with research in its infancy, I wouldn't want to put myself in a situation which could have been prevented."

Zika has been declared a global public health emergency by the World Health Organization but calls to move or postpone the Games have been rejected.

## ZIKA VIRUS FACTS

■ Zika virus is most commonly transmitted by mosquito bites but can also be sexually transmitted.

■ The virus, which has led to birth defects in Brazil, can stay active for seven days.

■ But experts advise people to have protected sex for 28 days after visiting an affected area, as long as they haven't had any symptoms.

■ If you have had symptoms, including a fever, rash or muscle pain you should not try for a baby for six months.

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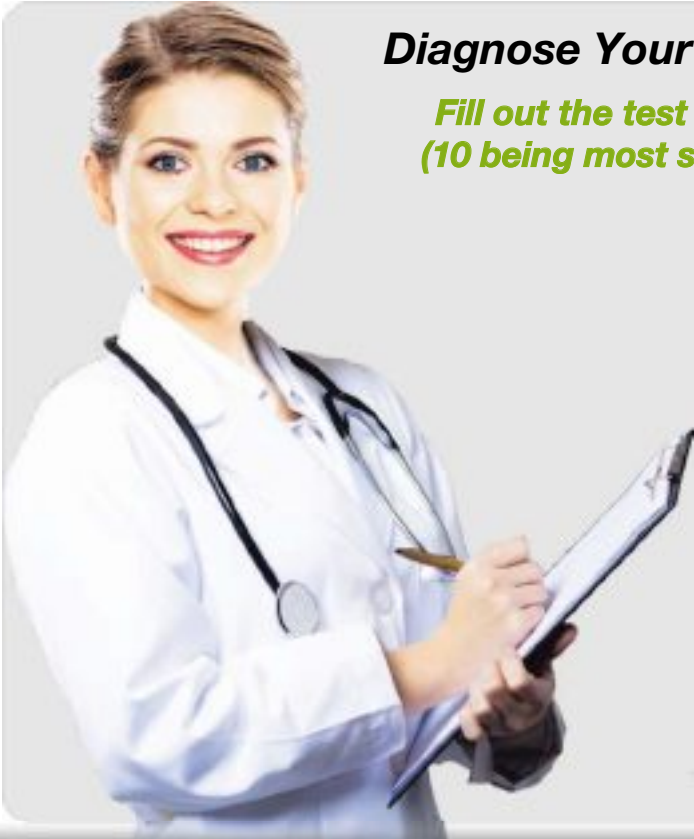
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**Damage:** Andy Handley took this picture of a tree hit by lightning, while Peter Houghton caught this strike in Peartree Bridge



**Lightning:** Stuart Chambers snapped this in Monkston, while Daniel Saadi sent in the strike outside Xscape below



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**Floods:** Sharona Voigtlander-Ford pictured this white BMW driving on a road through Woburn Sands

**BY CHRIS KNIGHT**  
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READERS submitted pictures and videos in their droves as two thunderstorms ripped through the city in a week.

Last Tuesday, Milton Keynes' Highways team along with service provider Ringway dealt with 19 reported incidents. The eastern areas of the city near the Bedfordshire border received the heaviest rainfall.

And on Sunday evening, two homes in Giffard Park and Furzon were struck by lightning as the storm clouds gathered once again.



**Splash:** Sally Esau snapped this picture of a car driving through flooding in Shenley Road, Bletchley, on Sunday

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All funds raised by the crews will help the charity to provide vital services that reduce feelings of isolation and loneliness among some of the most vulnerable people in the

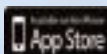
borough. As well as the dragon boat racing, crews and their families will be able to enjoy a whole variety of bankside entertainment, including a funfair, children's activities, giant inflatables, food stalls – and even a special flypast by a Spitfire from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight.

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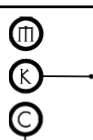


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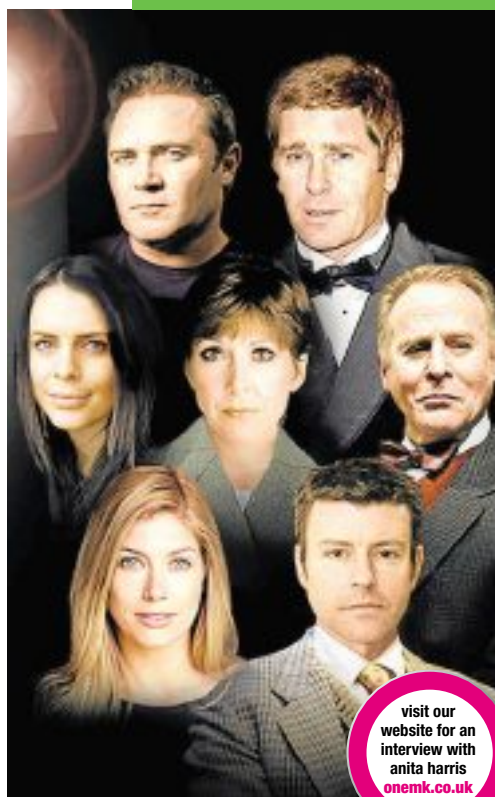


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heartbroken when his fiancée  
and leading lady Monica Welles  
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suicide.

On the anniversary of that  
ill-fated night, Alex assembles  
the same cast and crew in the  
same theatre for a reading of  
his new play. But as the reading  
begins, it becomes clear that  
Alex believes that Monica was  
murdered.

The star cast features screen  
heart-throb Gary Mavers, fresh  
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**THE Parks Trust's** biodiversity  
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to **MK LIFE** readers about the  
orchids blooming in Milton  
Keynes this month. Learn more  
about what you might spot in the  
city's parks below



**WITH** midsummer approaching, now is  
a great time to look out for wild  
flowers in our parks.

Among the most sought-after and  
eye-catching of our plants are the  
orchids. It is a popular misconception  
that all orchids are rare – many are, but  
there are seven or eight species that  
can be found in Milton Keynes with a  
little luck!

June is certainly the best month for  
the bee orchid. These striking plants,  
whose flowers do bear a resemblance  
to a bumblebee, are very widespread.

Among the best places to seek out  
bee orchids, pictured above right, are  
Stonepit Field at Great Linford and on  
the banks of North Willen Lake.

However, they can and do pop up  
anywhere, often along grid roads and  
even around the car park of our HQ in  
Campbell Park.

The flower is designed to trick bees  
into pollinating it, in the belief that  
they are mating with a female bee!  
However, in the UK these plants are  
self-pollinating.

The less common greater butterfly  
and twayblade also flower in Linford  
Wood – try the orchid trail or the  
artworks trail.

In recent years, the striking pyramidal  
orchid has occurred in more sites across  
the city. This plant has bright pink, tri-  
angular flower spikes and often grows  
as a solitary plant. Send pictures of  
what you find to [editor@onemk.co.uk](mailto:editor@onemk.co.uk)

## carnivalfun

**YOU can get away from all the talk about the EU and enjoy  
the wonderful diversity of The Commonwealth at Woughton  
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Now in its 16th year the parade will start at Langland  
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### HOW do you fancy winning a personal styling session and a £250 gift card to spend at John Lewis in the centre:mk?

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The Grade II-listed shopping centre was built to be Milton

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One lucky MK LIFE reader will be given the opportunity to discover the fantastic styles, latest trends and brands John Lewis has to offer.

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## crowdpleasers

### niceguys

**LETHAL** Weapon writer Shane Black delivers once again in the buddy action-comedy genre with latest flick *The Nice Guys*.

Set in 1977 in sexually liberated Los Angeles, the suspicious death of adult movie star Misty Mountains and the disappearance of young Amelia Kuttner sets the plot in motion.

After a bruising first encounter with enforcer Jackson Healy (Russell Crowe), private detective Holland March (Ryan Gosling) is lured into the investigation with the promise of a big payday.

Bluffs and double bluffs follow in a plot that delves deep into the sleazy underworld of the adult film industry.

In their mismatched pairing, the budding bromance between Crowe and Gosling shines throughout.

Gosling in particular impresses with a previously unseen showing of seemingly authentic incompetence.

And the duo are also joined on a regular basis by March's stubborn and inquisitive daughter Holly (Angourie Rice), which adds an interesting dynamic to many of the film's set-pieces.

With lewd jokes and bloody violence aplenty, *The Nice Guys* plays out as an entertaining adult version of the recent *Jump Street* reboots.

Chris Knight



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## **textiletreat**

**AS BUCKS Open Studios continues, an exhibition of the work of one Westbury artist, Helen den Dulk, goes on display.**

Accumulation is a work of soft hanging sculptures created by the fabric and fibre artist using wool, cotton and silk

pieces. She has created abstract forms based on her perception of flow in nature and its relationship with life's accumulations.

Alongside the exhibition Westbury Arts Centre will hold a series of day-long workshops and evening lectures given by experienced lecturers/artists.

The masterclasses cover areas such as direct screen printing

and discovering antique lace, while the lectures will combine a presentation with artefacts and look at ethics and dilemmas of textiles, art and design that changed the world and textiles in the wardrobe.

The exhibition runs until June 28. To book a place on the classes or lectures call 01908 501214, or go to [www.westburyartscentre.co.uk](http://www.westburyartscentre.co.uk)



## **weddingsinger**

**MILTON Keynes Amateur Operatic Society is set to win the hearts of audiences at Stantonbury Theatre.**

Based on the hit Adam Sandler movie, The Wedding Singer pays loving homage to the pop songs of the 1980s and takes you back to a time when hair was big, greed was good and a wedding singer might just have been the coolest guy in the room.

Rock-star wannabe Robbie Hart is New Jersey's favourite wedding singer, he's the life of the party until his fiancée Linda leaves him at the altar.

This show can have you weeping and laughing at the same time as Robbie tries to pull off the performance of a decade before the girl of his dreams is gone forever.

The show runs from tomorrow to Saturday at 7.30pm (plus 2.30pm on Saturday). Tickets cost £16, or £14 for concessions, from [www.mkaos.co.uk](http://www.mkaos.co.uk) or 07765 084193. Suitable for people over the age of 12.

## **thankyou**

**HEART Breakfast wants to thank those who took part in the Race For Life in Campbell Park on Sunday.**

It's always a very humbling experience to see thousands of woman all dressed in pink, all together in one place to join in the fight against cancer. If you couldn't get to do the race at the weekend, then sign up for Pretty Muddy, which takes place in MK for the first time in September.

After reading the reviews of last week's first preview of Harry Potter and the Cursed Child, we are even more desperate than ever to get tickets! JK Rowling has asked everyone who has seen the play to #KeepTheSecret but we can say that it's set 19 years after the events of Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows and the battle of Hogwarts.

Harry is described as an 'over-worked employee of the Ministry of Magic', juggling his career with three children. Do try and see it, it's supposed to be magical!

Finally, have fun if you're going to Guys and Dolls at Milton Keynes Theatre this week.

Tune in to Heart Breakfast with Stuart Miles and Katy Hill on Heart 103.3 FM, DAB, at [heart.co.uk](http://heart.co.uk) or via the Heart mobile app.





silkyshow

**LIVERPUDLIAN** comedian and musician **Silky** headlines the show at the red dot bar at stadiummk on Friday.

He describes his career as a comedian as a way of him avoiding adulthood, wealth and financial security by doing something he loves.

He is well thought of on the comedy circuit with even famous funnyman John Bishop describing him as a 'very funny fella'.

The gig, which starts at 8.15pm, costs £10 to attend. To book your tickets go to [ticketsource.co.uk](http://ticketsource.co.uk)



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# MKlifeHOTPICKS



## crobotgig

**ROCK band Crobot will headline a gig at The Craufurd Arms on Tuesday night.**

Blending funk, blues, metal and good old-fashioned rock and roll, a great night is in store.

They are supported by The Bad Flowers and Dirty Thrills.

The gig begins at 7.30pm and it costs £10 to attend.

To book tickets go to [seetickets.com](http://seetickets.com) or [www.wegotickets.com](http://www.wegotickets.com)



## bevinboys

**SWING band The Bevin Boys will perform at Bletchley Park on Father's Day on Sunday.**

A barbecue will also take place at the famous tourist attraction, where Bletchley Park's own beer Station X will be launched.

The event takes place from noon until 3pm and is available to all those who pay the admission price. This costs £17.25 for adults, £15.25 for concessions and £10.25 for children aged 12 to 17. No pre-booking is needed.

## erichattan

**SWISS artist Eric Hattan's recent performance piece, Chaises Musicales, will be performed at MK Gallery.**

Eric plays the chairs in what should be an interesting evening. In the past he has also played on items such as biscuit packaging and his own clothes.

The free performance takes place on Monday at 8pm. To book a place go to [mkgallery.org](http://mkgallery.org)



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**MALE**, 48, looking for fun, no strings, with a lady in the same position, age unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 421911

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**MALE**, trying hard not to be 60 something, seeking lady for no strings fun. Absolute discretion assured & expected. Text only Mailbox: 5449482

**SINGLE** male 49, caring, romantic, affectionate, many interests, WLTm slim, busty female 25-45. Text only Mailbox: 4362337

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**BI** guy looking to meet other gay/bi guy. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 422433

**SIMON**, tall, slim, smooth, WLTm someone for fun times, so get in touch! Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 422161

I would like to meet a bi male for some good fun aged 50 plus, if interested please get in touch. Text only Mailbox: 4179998

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## Old favourite has rich past

One of the original estates that was here before Milton Keynes expanded, **Wavendon** and **Wavendon Gate** have plenty to offer

**M**ilton Keynes may not have been around for too long, but the same certainly can't be said for Wavendon to the south east of the city.

Wavendon Tower was a famous landmark of the village and it was where 'black propaganda' was made during the Second World War.

The Milton Keynes Development Corporation was also based there so it boasts a rich history.

The area has expanded to include Wavendon Gate over recent years in line with the huge expansion that has taken place in Milton Keynes over the past 50 years.

John Dankworth and Dame Cleo Laine set up The Stables in Wavendon, which is one of the most popular venues in the city to go watch a gig or a show and that has now been going strong for 46 years, which is almost as old as Milton Keynes itself.

Wavendon Gate involved detached properties which sold on average for £349,576.

Semi-detached properties sold for an average price of £197,571, while terraced properties fetched £173,749.

In Wavendon Gate the overall average price is markedly cheaper than its Wavendon neighbour, with the price being at £237,399.

This makes it cheaper than areas such as Monkston (£266,126).

During the last year, sold prices in Wavendon Gate were eight per cent down on the previous year and the same percentage down on 2013 when the average house price was £259,000.

### House prices

Most of the sales in Wavendon over the past year were detached properties which on average sold for £773,333, according to Rightmove.

Semi-detached properties had an average sold price of £372,667 and flats in the estate sold for an average of £259,167.

Wavendon has an overall average price of £447,773 and it is more expensive than the average for house prices in Milton Keynes (£252,437), Woburn Sands (£358,355) and Broughton (£279,784).

In the past year house prices in Wavendon were 28 per cent up on the year before and seven per cent down on 2013 when they averaged at £479,500.

Last year most property sales in

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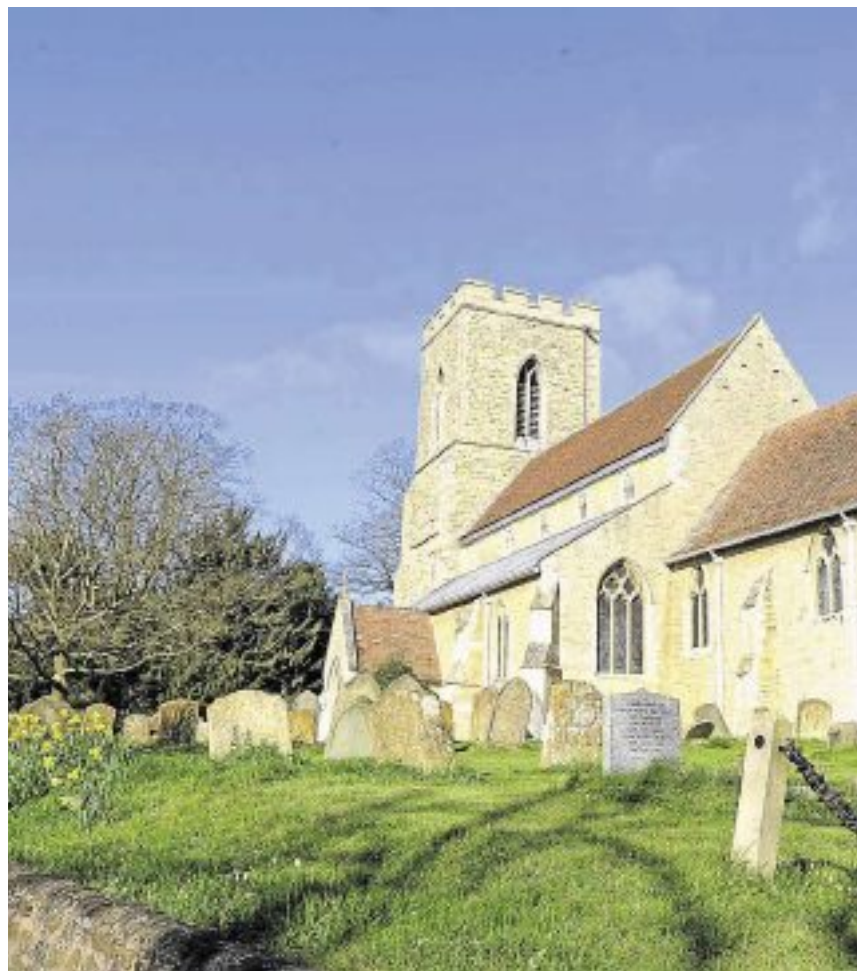
You can roam the grounds of St Mary's Church if you wish to but there are no real parks as such that you can walk on, although there are lots of nice little walkways in and around the village that link it with the Wavendon Gate estate.

There is a nice grassy area at Wavendon Pavilion which you can walk your dogs on.

### Attractions

The Stables is the most obvious attraction in Wavendon that you can enjoy and that is located off Stockwell Lane.

There are hundreds of gigs and shows that are put on at the venue on a daily, weekly and monthly basis.



There are also lots of services going on at St Mary's Church if you are of a religious nature, with the memorial to those who died during the wars being there.

The Wavendon Gate Pavilion on Isaacson Drive provides loads of community events throughout the week and the year, including the Tread the Boards amateur dramatics group which meets on a Monday night, among many others including dance classes.

Wavendon Golf Academy is also

located on Lower End Road for any sports fans out there and it's not just golf you can play there.

There is the new sport of 'footgolf' – a combination of football and golf – available, while there is also a bar and restaurant and a driving range for those of you wanting to just strike some balls without worrying about your handicap or how you get around the course.

The nearest shops to Wavendon are at the local centre in Walnut Tree, where there is a Tesco Express, takeaways including a fish and chip shop, a pizza takeout, and a pharmacy.

### Pubs and restaurants

The Wavendon Arms is an extremely picturesque location to go for a lovely meal out.

There is plenty of cosy furniture for you to sit on to while away the hours in front of an open log fire.

### Shops



**Picturesque: The Wavendon Arms boasts a cosy log fire**



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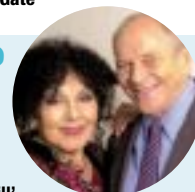


Focus on  
Wavendon



Attractions: From left, St Mary's Church, the golf course, The Stables and Wavendon Gate Pavilion (below)

## DID YOU KNOW?



- Wavendon dates back to the year 969, when it was known as Wafandun. The name also has its origins from an Old English language word and means 'Wafa's hill'
- The Milton Keynes Development Corporation was based at Wavendon Tower from 1969 until the 1970s. After that it was taken over by Scicon, which subsequently became known as EDS, the computer services firm. Rival Insurance Services Limited is the current company in the Tower
- There is a memorial in Wavendon to commemorate all the people who lost their lives during the First World War and Second World War
- Dame Cleo Laine and John Dankworth (*pictured*), two of the most popular jazz singers that this country has ever produced, helped set up The Stables in Wavendon, which is now one of the most popular music venues in Milton Keynes

There are also all sorts of ales, lagers and wines for you to enjoy.

### Leisure facilities

The Wavendon Gate Pavilion hosts all sorts of groups, including amateur dramatics and karate classes.

The Stables is also a great place to go if you are a music lover and they put on comedy events.

Woburn and Wavendon FC play in Wavendon where your sons or daughters can play regular football

at the pitch in the area.

### Schools

Wavendon Gate School is a primary school located in Gregories Drive which has very high standards for its pupils and provides a happy and caring environment for students to learn in.

It received a good rating in its most recent Ofsted inspection last summer.

Giggles is a pre-school and after-school centre that is based at the

Wavendon Gate Pavilion for families with young children and those who need services if they are working.

### Commuting

Located to the south east of Milton Keynes, Wavendon and Wavendon Gate are two of the first estates that you arrive at when you approach the city from the direction of Woburn Sands or from the M1 at junction 13.

It is located within a five minute drive of junction 13 of the M1 and

Tongwell Street is the nearest vertical grid road, with just a five-minute drive being all you need to reach the Kingston Centre from Wavendon.

The nearest horizontal grid road is Groveway, which means that it only takes a matter of minutes for commuters to reach the Open University, among other local attractions. There are also bus stops along Gregories Drive and Isaacson Drive for those wishing to use public transport.



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#### Northampton

The ground floor two bedroom apartment with open plan living area and contemporary kitchen.

**£150,000**



**Rain, Rain fly away...** "But that won't spoil our fun today" was the conviction of the **HawkMOTH** Property team and a several hundred strong crowd who enjoyed the 2016 Folk on the Green festival in Stony Stratford at the weekend.



The event has become a yearly highlight in the Stony Stratford social calendar and takes a significant amount of planning and support from a multitude of workers and volunteers alike. Organizers rely heavily on the funding from local companies to stage the festival each year and so were delighted when the towns specialist property agent **HawkMOTH** Property Consultants stepped in to sponsor the crew who are responsible for the smooth running of the occasion on the day.

"I wanted to give something back to the town that has been so supportive to my company over the past month since our original Stony office was damaged by the fire, and although it's only a small token it's the staff crew that allow an event such as FOTG to give enjoyment to a far greater breadth of the towns inhabitants" stated Kathryn, **HawkMOTH** Director and Founder.



T-shirts, bags and caps adorned with the distinctive **HawkMOTH** logo were distributed to attendees



who could be seen sporting the apparel to shade them from the sun.... then the drizzle...then sun...then monsoon cloudburst! As the heavens opened the roads and walkways turned to torrential rivers, but as some ran for cover, the hardened party-people raised their hands to the sky and continued to dance and cheer. The rain roared down but the music drowned out any desire for the crowd to disperse and head for immediate cover. Finally, after almost an hour of the continual downpour the organizers had to admit defeat with the site crew asking the remaining revellers to clear the green.

Karen Jones, Stony Branch Manager of **HawkMOTH** joked "We had a wonderful if not slightly soggy day". "However I have to take my hat off to the crew who selflessly ensured everyone left Horsefair safely and then continued to battle through the driving rain to clear The Green completely of any litter that had been left behind. We felt thoroughly privileged to have been the official sponsor of the Folk on the Green Crew"

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Full-time

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Permanent post  
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Visits to the school are encouraged by appointment.

Closing date for applications: Thursday 23rd June, 12 noon

Interview date: During week commencing 27th June 2016

For further details and to download an application pack please visit our website [www.westfieldschool.net](http://www.westfieldschool.net) or contact Mrs

Deborah Farr Tel: 01234 267353. Email: [dfarr@westfieldschool.net](mailto:dfarr@westfieldschool.net) stating clearly which post you are interested in.

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**SOMERIES INFANTS SCHOOL**  
Wigmore Lane, Luton LU2 8AH



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£20,233 - £22,424 p.a.

35 hours per week, term-time, plus 5 training days

Vacancy ID: 104965

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Closing Date: 1st July 2016, Midday

Interview Date: 11th July 2016

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**Vacancy ID: 104969**

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If you have any queries please contact Mrs L Senior, at the school on:

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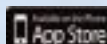
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## Sea change for Jaguar Land Rover fleet

By: Alistair Coull

PINNING its hopes on the fleet market for another bumper year in 2016 looks like it is paying off for Jaguar Land Rover. The company's UK managing director Jeremy Hicks is looking forward to another record breaking year and reckons the company's main growth will come in the fleet market. Fleet sales grew by 84 per cent in the first three months of 2016 compared to the first quarter in 2015, as the XE, XF, Evoque and Discovery Sport models all posted rapid fleet sales growth - evidence of Jaguar Land Rover's commitment to ensure 25 per cent of its global sales will be to fleet and business customers by 2020. With the introduction of business-friendly models, including the XE and XF with CO2 from as low as 99g/km, Jaguar UK saw fleet sales grow by 194 per cent from Q1 2015 to Q1 2016.

Land Rover UK's performance so far this year was so strong that one-in-three fleet cars sold in sectors the brand competes in was a Land Rover. At a special briefing at the car giant's engine manufacturing centre in Wolverhampton, Mr Hicks said: "Our fleet & business results for 2015 are fantastic and prove we have an effective formula in place; we have desirable and sector appropriate cars, efficient Ingenium engines and class-leading total cost of ownership - together, these factors deliver a compelling proposition for fleet managers to add Jaguar Land Rover to their fleet lists.

"With this formula in mind, and with an ever expanding range of stunning Jaguar and Land Rover vehicles on the horizon, I'm confident that there's plenty more fleet growth to come." All of Jaguar Land Rover's key fleet models - the XE, XF Evoque and Discovery Sport - grew their share of the fleet sector more than any of their rivals when comparing the whole of 2015. Both the Jaguar XE and XF increased the shares of their fleet sectors more than competitor models. Likewise, where the



Range Rover Evoque and Discovery Sport grew their share of the fleet sector, rival models saw their share shrink. The Range Rover Evoque is the star performer in 2016 so far, outselling all of its premium rivals with 18.3 per cent of fleet sales. Fleet sales for 2016 are already on track to be the best yet, with a full-year of Ingenium-powered XE and XF sales, and the arrival of Evoque Convertible and F-PACE. Already the best-selling Jaguar ever, one-in-six F-PACE sales is predicted to go to the fleet sector.

Mr Hicks predicts that JLR's fleet sales in 2016 will grow by 50% compared with 2015, with further double-digit growth through to 2020. Jon Wackett, Jaguar Land Rover's general manager for fleet and business, said: "Our Q1 2016 sales are a great example of the suitability that many of our new vehicles have for the fleet market. 'We've really disrupted a market that has been traditionally dominated by three or four brands by introducing extremely desirable cars that represent real-world value for money. We are strategically aiming to balance volume of sales against maintaining strong residual values which is

a core buying decision for our existing and future customers." At the heart of Jaguar Land Rover UK's fleet and business sales successes this year are the technologies that underpin the range, according to Mr Wackett. "The aluminium-intensive construction, ultra-efficient Ingenium engines and low ownership costs have ensured there's both a financial and an emotional reason to opt for a Jaguar or a Land Rover," he said. As well as a £3bn investment in facilities and new models in 2015, Jaguar Land Rover UK has also significantly invested in the corporate sales structure. A specialist field-based sales team has been introduced across 50 Jaguar and Land Rover retailers supported by a further 22 people and led by five senior-level managers responsible for fleet and business sales.

With more than 500,000 cars built at its three UK plants - Liverpool, Solihull and Birmingham - JLR was the UK's largest car manufacturer last year. Global sales of 487,065 (100,794 in the UK) were a record, the sixth year of consecutive growth and double the number sold in 2009. In the past five years, JLR has spent £12bn in research

and development, more than any other car maker by percentage of revenue. The 4,500 workers at Halewood on Merseyside build the Evoque and Discovery while the 3,700 employees at Castle Bromwich produced the XJ, XF and F-Type. The Range Rover, Range Rover Sport, Discovery, Defender, XE and F-Pace are built by the 10,000 employees at Solihull. Altogether, JLR employs 35,000 people in the UK including 900 at the engine manufacturing plant in Wolverhampton which builds powerplants for the XE, XF, F-Pace, Discovery Sport and Range Rover Evoque, 5,200 at the company's HQ at Whitley in Coventry and 8,000 at the Gaydon engineering design and testing centre in Warwickshire. Work on a £500 million extension, which will double the size of the Wolverhampton engine site, will start soon. In 2013, fleet sales accounted for 37 per cent of JLR's output. Last year it was 44 per cent which Mr Wackett said was proof that JLR has the ability to grow fleet volume as the vehicle range grows. Jaguar fleet sales grew by 49 per cent to 6,562 vehicles last year while Land Rover grew 67 per cent to 14,472 vehicles - an overall growth of 50 per cent to 21,034 vehicles. The cost of ownership of JLR fleet sales compares well against its main Mercedes, Audi and BMW rivals. A Jaguar XE 2.0d Prestige manual will cost £35,763 to own over three years/60,000 miles, some £2,000 less than an equivalent Mercedes C220d Executive or an Audi A4 2.0 TDI SE saloon.

Similarly, an F-PACE 2.0d AWD Prestige manual will cost £39,122 over the same period and distance, similar to the Audi Q5 2.0 TDI AWD SE manual but more than £3,000 less than a BMW X4 xDrive 2.0 SE manual. Discovery Sport shows similar savings over its Audi and BMW rivals while the Evoque 2.0 TD4 AWD SE is some £2,000 cheaper to run than an Audi Q5 2.0 TDI SE AWD over three years. "Our fleet strategy is young and it's working. We are growing faster than anyone else," said Mr Wackett.

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## Ford Transit goes green with EcoBlue

By: Chris Russon

A TRANSIT van rated at more than 45 to the gallon will be on the road by the autumn heralding the introduction of a new generation of diesel engines from Ford.

Made in Britain and the product of more than £400 million worth of investment at Ford's research centres at Dunton in Essex and Aachen in Germany, the EcoBlue diesel is not only mean but exceptionally lean.

In the two tonne Transit Ford is claiming an official fuel return on 40.9mpg with emissions of 182g/km while in the lighter Transit Custom the new engine is classified at 46.3mpg, taking its CO2 figure down to 157g/km. As such the new breed of Transit becomes one of the most economical vans on the market and the EcoBlue has been designed to out-perform the 2.2-litre engine Ford has used since the current van was launched in 2012.

The EcoBlue engine meets all Euro 6 emissions standards and while it is making its debut in the Transit it will feature heavily in all of Ford's future diesel models – and that includes cars, MPVs and SUVs.

To complement the Transit's new eco image, Ford is also introducing a range of new technology to Britain's best loved van as well as tweaking its handling to improve the ride.

Among the new options is rear air suspension which is on top of the Transit's electronic stability systems to counter heavy loads affecting cornering on any of the front, rear or all-wheel-drive set ups.

Ford says the changes are designed to make the Transit as comfortable and refined as a family car and for van man or woman the transformation will be quite remarkable.

Cabin noise has been reduced significantly, there's more feel through the steering and the enhancements to the ride quality are very noticeable.

The result is much more composure on the road and the latest Transit has to be one of the easiest vans to drive.

Other techie systems include crosswind stability control which reduces the effect of buffet from other vehicles or sideways gusts at speeds above 50mph and the new Transit has also been fitted with lane departure warnings, road sign recognition and a six-inch touchscreen for the sat nav.

Ford's SYNC voice control and connectivity system has also been installed on the new van, as has automatic cruise control and the option of a six speed auto gearbox which will be available later in the year.

The new EcoBlue engine is a four cylinder, two litre diesel available with three power settings of 105, 130 and 170bhp.

It's to be produced at Ford's Dagenham engine plant and will eventually take the place of the Duratorq diesels which were jointly developed with the PSA group, the makers of Peugeot and Citroen models. Not only is the EcoBlue more powerful than the 2.2-litre block – up 15 horsepower in the case of the 170bhp engine – it also produces much more torque giving the latest Transits added bite, especially at lower speeds.

Fuel economy is said to be improved by almost 15 per cent and having just sampled each of the new EcoBlue engines in a variety of Transits, they all showed their mettle.

The 170bhp engine in the Transit Custom was impressively bang on the money when it came to fuel efficiency and returned an average of 46.1mpg on a 50 mile motorway and country lane route in Germany. With stop/start fitted to help economy and an injector system so precise it squirts in fuel in globules no bigger than a grain of sugar, the new breed of engine showed plenty of potential and none of them failed to average less than 36 to the gallon.

With the previous engine – officially rated at around 37mpg – you'd be lucky to keep it above 30mpg.

To help reduce NOX emissions the engine comes with a 21 litre AdBlue reservoir which has a range of 6,000 miles between top ups.

Eventually, Ford plans to produce the EcoBlue engine with power outputs ranging from 100 to 240bhp and all will be hooked up to a high performance turbocharger that includes a turbine fashioned out of the same alloy used in rocket motors. A 1.5-litre EcoBlue engine is already in the pipeline.

Prices for the new Transit range – which will be distinguished from the previous models by a silver strip across the front apron below the grille – will start from £20,075 for the short wheelbase 250 model with the 105bhp engine up to £28,425 for the 170bhp version fitted to the flagship Sportvan.

That's an increase of between £950 and £1,400 but that has to be tempered not only with the engineering improvements and added extras but also with reduced running costs and variable service intervals now extended by up to 6,000 miles to 37,000 miles over two years.

Ford calculates that adds up to a fuel cost saving of £1,250 over 80,000 miles for the new 105bhp Transit Custom compared to the previous 100bhp model.

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## TWINGO GT SET FOR FESTIVAL FLING By: Mike Torpey



RENAULT will unveil a hot version of its small city car the Twingo at the Goodwood Festival of Speed from June 23-26.

The Twingo GT will boast 110bhp from its tuned engine, a revised manual gearbox and rear-wheel drive.

A sporty new look, stiffened suspension and variable-rate steering means the car will feature sharp handling, responsive steering feedback and excellent road-holding, a performance-orientated package unprecedented in the small city car sector.

The Twingo GT will not be available in the UK until this winter, meaning the car's global unveil on June 23 will be the first time it has been seen in the metal.

Renault will also give the new Megane Sport Tourer GT205 its first UK airing at the Moving Motor Show at Goodwood the same day.

## MERCEDES ESTATE'S A CLASS APART

BY: MIKE TORPEY

The estate version of the new sixth generation Mercedes-Benz E-Class is being hailed as the most intelligent estate model the premium brand has ever built.

The car, due to be served up at the Mercedes Cup tennis tournament in Stuttgart, boasts a cargo volume of up to 1,820 litres and despite a much sportier roofline than before, headroom and elbow room in the rear are claimed to be the best in class.

And later this year the estate will be available with a third, folding bench seat for children.

For the UK market launch, the new estate will be available as an E 220 d featuring a newly developed four-cylinder diesel engine producing 194bhp.



In the fourth quarter of this year, the E 350 d will follow, which has a six-cylinder diesel engine, and all models will come equipped as standard with the new 9G-TRONIC nine-speed automatic transmission

## STYLE AND SOPHISTICATION FROM AUDI A5 BY: MIKE TOPEY



AUDI has lifted the wraps on its new generation A5 Coupe complete with a slick new style and the promise of more sophistication.

The car's flowing bodywork has been aerodynamically optimised to deliver a drag coefficient of just 0.25, while beneath the skin is a new platform that reduces weight by up to 60kg over its predecessor.

A range of powerful TDI and TFSI engines

and an even more advanced suite of infotainment and driver assistance systems will be included when the newcomer hits UK streets this winter.

Compared with the previous model, the list of standard equipment is more generous and includes stuff like xenon headlights with LED daytime running lights and LED rear lights, LED interior lights, Audi MMI radio plus with 7-inch colour display, Bluetooth and USB charging function.

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Meanwhile, the new two-door S5 Coupe gets a newly developed turbocharged V6 engine producing 354PS and capable of 0-62 in 4.7 seconds.

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**2011 (11) Land Rover Range Rover 4.4 TD Vogue 5dr Diesel Automatic,** Fuji white, 41,000 miles, full Land Rover service history, black e/heated leather interior, privacy glass, power steering, e/windows x4, t/c/locking, e/folding mirrors, air con/climate, e/sunroof **£34,990**



**2013 (13) Audi A8 3.0 TDi Sport Executive Tiptronic Quattro Diesel Automatic, 4dr,** metallic phantom black, 52,000 miles, full Audi Service history, e/heated memory leather seats, privacy glass, sat nav, Audi parking system, Led daytime running lights, cruise control **£24,490**



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**2007 (57) BMW X5 3.0 30d M Sport Diesel Automatic 5dr,** metallic carbon black, 74,000 miles, full BMW service history, black heated leather interior, privacy glass, power steering, e/windows x4, t/c/locking, e/folding mirrors, air con/climate, panoramic glass roof **£15,990**



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**2009 (09) Volkswagen Polo 1.2 Match 5 door** metallic grey, 51,000 miles, full service history, 1 f/owner, black/grey cloth interior, power steering, e/windows, t/c/locking, e/minors, aircon, CD player, airbags **£3,990**



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**2013 (13) Volkswagen Polo 1.2 Match 5 door,** solid white full VW service history, black cloth interior, power steering, e/windows x4, t/c/locking, e/minors, aircon, DAB digital radio, bluetooth connection, touch phone kit **£6,990**



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# on the road

## Abarth sets price for new roadster



**By: Mike Torpey**

THE new Abarth 124 spider will cost from £29,565 when it arrives later this summer.

That tab is for the 1.4 TJet 170bhp manual version of the two-seater roadster which marks the return of the spider badge to Abarth and is the natural heir of the original model launched in 1972.

Equipped with a four-cylinder MultiAir Turbo engine, the newcomer can blast from 0-62mph in 6.8 seconds and has a top speed of 143mph.

And as the sound of the engine really matters in an Abarth, the Record Monza exhaust comes as standard.

The spider is available with a six-speed manual or the automatic SequenzialeSportivo gearbox, the latter with steering wheel-mounted paddle shifts.

Abarth says each car is tested and certified by one of the company's own technicians, who applies a metal plaque showing the sequential number of each car – so it's a unique number for every customer.

Five body colours are up for grabs and standard equipment includes climate control, cruise control, electrically-folding door mirrors and 7-inch colour infotainment set-up DAB radio, MP3 player, two USB ports, AUX input and Bluetooth.

There is also a stereo with four speakers while, for superior sound quality, a Bose premium sound system with nine speakers, including dual headrest speakers on both seats and a subwoofer, is available as an option along with sat-nav.

Full pricing sees the Abarth 124 spider 1.4 TJet 170bhp manual costing £29,565, with an extra £2,040 for automatic.

## SMOOTH CRUISING FOR ISUZU D-MAX



**By: Ian Johnson**

If you drive a pick-up there is sometimes a difficult choice to make. Do you require ride comfort or load carrying capacity? Not qualities that have, up to now, often sat easily alongside each other.

The fact is that one usually compromises the other, which does not help many who use these vehicles as everyday and sometimes long distance personal transport.

This is no longer the case for drivers of any double-cab Isuzu D-Max.

The new Pedders D-Max TrakRyder Lift Kit takes the strain out of the suspension set-up, promising an enhanced ride quality whether the D-Max is fully laden or empty and regardless of the type of road surface.

This system takes any double-cab D-Max to the next level of comfort, ride quality and stability. It is applicable to the Blade, Eiger, Fury, Utah and Yukon in the premium D-Max range and double-cab pick-up in the utility range.

This suspension kit gives the best of both worlds as it equips the D-Max as both a workhorse and a family utility vehicle.

The Pedders system does this by introducing a variable leaf spring design that gives spring and shock absorber rates capable of handling increased ground clearance, increased suspension travel whilst enhancing vehicle stability.

It increases the ride height by 35mm to 40mm, enabling the vehicle to cover rough ground as well as increasing the approach and departure angles of the pick-up when traversing extreme angles on undulating off-road terrain.

With the kit intended for use on and off-road driving, including general commuting, the upgrade also makes towing more comfortable, when drivers are exploiting the D-Max's class-leading 3.5-tonne towing capacity. No modifications to the Isuzu D-Max are required in order to fit the suspension kit, which is easy to fit, minimising the labour time needed for installation.

The Pedders D-Max TrakRyder Lift Kit is available supplied and fitted at your local Isuzu dealer for £1,357.15 (excluding VAT).

## PEUGEOT SERVES UP A SPECIAL TRIO

**By: Mike Torpey**

PEUGEOT has raised the net on its own doubles pairing in the wake of the French Open tennis championships.

Two special Roland Garros editions of the popular 108 city car and 208 supermini will hit the streets later this month, along with a sporty new GT Line trim grade for the 108 range.

The 108 TOP! and 208 Roland Garros editions salute the famous Paris venue that hosts the tournament which Peugeot has supported for some 32 years.

Both models are positioned above the Allure trim grade and feature a high level of standard equipment with exclusive features.

The 108 TOP! Roland Garros is available as a three or five-door variant with a 1.2-litre PureTech 82 petrol engine.

Painted in Diamond White with a retractable black fabric hood, orange door mirrors and 15-inch alloy wheels with orange centre caps, the car comes with tinted rear and side windows, LED daytime running lights and Roland Garros badging.

Buyers also get sat-nav, air-con, electric/heated door mirrors, a reversing camera and the company's Open & Go keyless entry. Prices are from £13,360.

Meanwhile, the 208 Roland Garros comes as a five-door model with three engine/gearbox combinations.

The 1.2 PureTech 110 petrol engine is available with a five speed manual or six speed automatic gearbox for £17,965 and £18,965 respectively, while the 1.6L BlueHDI 100 diesel costs from £18,915 with a five speed manual gearbox.

All three have low CO2 emissions at 99g/km, 104g/km and 90g/km.

The 208 Roland Garros is available in either Nera Black or Satin White paintwork with 16-inch alloys, tinted rear windows, daytime LED running lights, orange mirrors and exclusive badging.

A panoramic glass roof, leather two-tone seats with orange contrast stitching, leather steering wheel, DAB digital radio, sat-nav and multi-function touchscreen are also part of a comprehensive package.

The introduction of the new 108 GT Line follows its popularity on the 208, 308 and 508 models, with the 308 GT Line versions accounting for nearly 20 per cent of the range.



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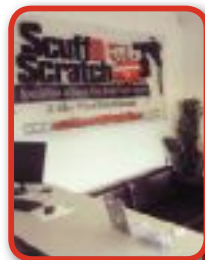
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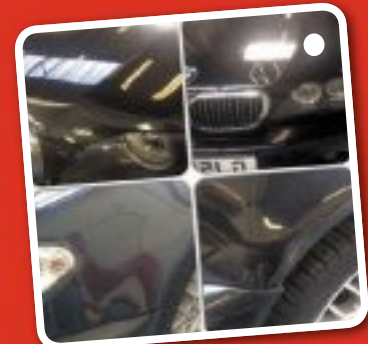
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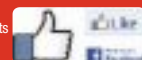
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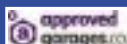
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# Olney RFC announce new coach



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**OLNEY RFC has announced its new look coaching team for next season, bringing in two specialists with big ambitions for the club.**

Phil Powell takes up the head coach position, and Edd Rhodes becomes assistant coach.

Powell, 29, is a Level Three Coach and has recently worked with Northampton Saints Junior Academy, the Developing Player Programme and the U18s.

He also worked with Bedford Blues academy and is part of the senior coaching team with Bucks county rugby.

Powell has also been appointed head coach for the East Midlands U18 side.

He said: "I am delighted at being appointed head coach of Olney rugby club."

"It was an easy decision to move to a club that relishes success on the pitch but also remains a family centred club with huge support from the local community."

"I want to make Olney RFC the most dominant team in Buckinghamshire and a force to be reckoned with in the East Midlands."

Rhodes, 25, started playing rugby at Olney at the age of 10.

He was a semi-professional player at Hull Ionians before a heart condition led to him having to retire in 2012.

Since then he has focused on the coaching side of the game, working for the Northampton Saints Elite Player Development Group and coaching Olney's U17s to the National Cup semi-finals and the Olney Colts to the finals of the Oceanic Cup.

He is director of rugby at Samuel Whitbread Academy and is working towards his Level Three coaching qualification.

Rhodes said: "There are many young players with huge potential at Olney."

"We are in a good position to develop them and build a very strong squad which I believe can achieve promotion to a higher league."

Director of rugby at Olney Rugby Club, John Robinson, said: "It's fantastic to welcome Phil and Edd to Olney."

"Their skills and experience are going to have a huge impact across the entire senior section of the club."

"It's a great time to be involved with Olney RFC and we welcome any new players to join us for pre-season training."

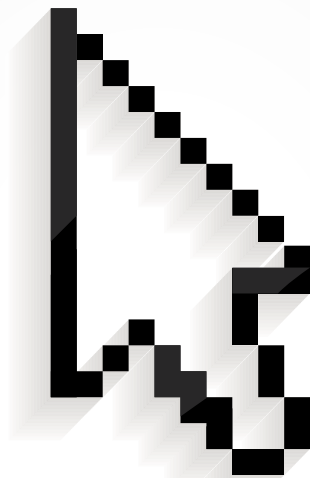
Pre-season training at Olney RFC starts on Tuesday, June 28.

Founded in 1877, Olney Rugby Club is one of the longest running community rugby clubs in the region.

The club regularly fields three senior teams, vets, colts, ladies, girls U15 and U18 and has a large provision for mini and junior rugby.

All change here: Phil Powell (left) is now head coach at Olney RFC, while Edd Rhodes becomes assistant coach

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## CRICKET

### North Crawley get back to winning ways

ALEX Walker's score of 80 and a hit of 79 by James Armstrong helped North Crawley beat New Bradwell by seven wickets.

The champions have struggled so far this season but they reached the target of 220 with the loss of just three wickets.

Josh Selvey's superb figures of 5-12 helped Olney Town beat New City (Milton Keynes) by six wickets. New City were all out for 91, and

it took 27.2 overs for Olney to knock that total off.

Aspley Guise were convincingly beaten by Elstow by 193 runs, while Milton Keynes were beaten by 73 runs by Eaton Bray.

In the Northamptonshire Cricket League, Stony Stratford Town were unable to convert a good first innings into a victory.

Teja Nidamanuru was unbeaten on 124 off 112 balls in an innings which

included 11 fours and three sixes. Vicram Sohal scored 76 as Town put up a score of 74. But in reply, Oundle Town only lost eight wickets, which meant Stony had to settle for a draw.

In the Cherwell Cricket League, Banbury Seconds beat Great Brickhill by four wickets.

That result means that Great Brickhill are now down to seventh in Division One.

## CLUB OF THE WEEK



**Stony Stratford Bowls Club**  
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## ICE HOCKEY

# McPherson hanging up his skates after a decade in MK

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AFTER a decade of service, MK Lightning forward Grant McPherson has announced his retirement from playing.

But supporters of the Smith Recycling-sponsored club have not seen the last of the much-loved Scots forward (pictured) - the new season will see him take on a coaching role alongside head coach Pete Russell.

McPherson, 29, contested 533 fixtures in MKL colours and for the last three consecutive seasons has been one of the club's alternate captains.

He represented Great Britain at U20 level in 2006, bringing home a bronze medal, and was one of Lightning's EPHL title-winning roster in the 2009-10 season.

The Scot has become one of Lightning's best-loved players, with a reputation as an uncompromising forward always willing to stand up for his teammates.

In April he was awarded the honour of a testimonial, which was well attended by MKL supporters and MKL players past and present.

"As sad as it is for me to say that my Lightning playing days are over, I'm very much looking forward to this new challenge," said McPherson.

"Pete and I had a couple of conversations towards the end of last season, but I really needed a few weeks off to consider my options. Having done that, I advised Pete of my decision, but to my surprise, he came back with a



very interesting counter offer. To stop playing was one of the hardest decisions I've ever made. Ice hockey has been a part of my life since I was seven years old and the last 10 years in the colours of Milton Keynes Lightning have just been incredible.

"I really didn't want to just cut ice hockey out of my life completely, so I'm really grateful to Pete for giving me this opportunity to stay involved.

Pete paid tribute to Grant, saying: "Grant McPherson is a legend here - and rightfully so. I have really enjoyed coaching 'G' in his last season as a Lightning player.

"I've known Grant since he was a kid playing in our homeland and to say he has grown up into a well rounded man is an understatement. He's a wonderful guy and has a heart the size of lion. "He is so highly thought of by his

peers and for me that says it all - definitely one of the most respected teammates I have had the pleasure of coaching, to date.

"I've known for some time that Grant was considering hanging up his skates (in fact since March) but being the person he is, he didn't want to make a big deal of it. It's not about Grant McPherson, it's about the Lightning logo on the front of the jersey."

## ROWING

## Rowers defend titles in Regatta

AFTER the impressive medal tally at the British Rowing Masters Championships last year, MK crews defended their titles at the Holme Pierrepont National Watersports Centre in Nottingham.

Helen Marshall and Jenny Searle, missed out on continuing their winning streak by a matter of seconds but Marshall grabbed gold in the Women's C Masters category. The Novice Masters C Quad of Phil Capp, Pete Cox, Steve Boughton, and Mike Ardington finished second. Capp and Boughton were also second in the Novice D Double final.

The highlight of the day came when the Women's D 8+ stormed to victory.



## CYCLING

## Disappointment as teams denied race series wins

THE city's top racing teams - the Bradwell Abbey based Madison Genesis outfit and the women's Drops Cycling Team - just failed to meet one of their early season targets when they were both denied outright series wins in the televised Tour Series and Matrix Fitness Grand Prix.

And in the case of Drops, they looked like they'd win the Matrix GP series until the very last 500 metres at the end of six hard fought races.

Going into last week's final three races in Stevenage, Croydon and the Tour Series finale in Portsmouth, Madison Genesis were in second.

They did enough to retain second in the team standings - and on Croydon's twists and turns, the combination of Tom Stewart's second place backed up by canny teamwork meant the boys in orange and blue picked up their second outright team win of the year.

But in Portsmouth it just didn't quite happen for them after an intense five weeks.

For the Drops Cycling Team, 2016 has been a dream debut season that has seen the team compete at the very top of the women's world's racing calendar.

And until the last 500m of the last

race of the year their dream of winning the series looked like it might come true until Rebecca Durrell crashed and in the mayhem that followed, the Podium Ambition riders took the night's team win by such an advantage that they made it a hat-trick of Matrix Fitness Grand Prix series wins.

Team owner Bob Varney said: "Initially we were all gutted. Really, going into Portsmouth we had the series in the palms of our hands.

"Poor Rebecca was devastated after her crash but, already, she's picked herself up and is now focussing on the Aviva Tour."

## BADMINTON

## Last 16 for Adcocks and Ouseph in last pre-Rio outing

ENGLAND'S two-pronged assault at the badminton Australian Open ended at the last 16 stage on Thursday.

Chris and Gabby Adcock and Rajni Ouseph suffered second round defeats and they now turn their

attentions towards the Rio 2016 Olympics.

In the last major tournament before the Games, the Adcocks were beaten 21-16, 21-18 by China's Siwei Zheng and Qingchen Chen.

Ouseph was involved in a tight

tussle from the outset with Danish singles' rival Hans-Kristian Vittinghus before losing 21-19, 20-22, 21-16 over 60 minutes.

Ouseph had been looking for a third straight last-eight world tour berth.

## sport briefs

## KICKBOXING

KELLY Haynes beat Londoner Sara Day on the undercard of the Muay Thai Grand Prix at the O2 in the nation's capital on Saturday.

The Bletchley fighter won with a unanimous decision and she is now weighing up her options to decide what steps she will take next.

## SWIMMING

NEWPORT Pagnell Swimming Club were represented at the youth and age group regionals in Portsmouth and Crawley. All swimmers swam very well with all matching or improving on their personal best times. The club had a number of swimmers qualifying for the finals with Rafe Dobson (200m breaststroke) and Ellis Stephenson (50m backstroke) both coming away with silver medals. Coach Lisa Salmon said she was very proud of all the swimmers and their achievements.

## FOOTBALL

DELE Alli's former football club from when he was a boy, the City Colts based in Milton Keynes, are lending their support to the Tottenham Hotspur midfielder during this summer's European Championships in France. To read the full story go to [onemk.co.uk](http://onemk.co.uk)

## ATHLETICS

ONE gold and three bronze medals were won by Marshall Milton Keynes Athletics Club (MMKAC) at the annual South of England Track and Field Championships at the Lee Valley Centre. Laura Zialor won the U20 ladies triple jump, leaping 12.54m with a sizeable 88cm ahead of the second placed athlete. Kayleigh Presswell not only took the bronze medal in the senior ladies hammer but further improved her club record for the second consecutive week. She added almost a metre to her record. Jonathan Pownall then joined Kayleigh as a bronze medallist setting a personal best of 58.61m in the U20 men's javelin. Aaron Adam stormed to another bronze in the senior men's 200m with a season's best time of 22.06. Ebony Carr was two one-hundredths off a podium place in the U20 100m final. The Buckinghamshire Schools Championships were held at Stantonbury and 17 MMKAC coached athletes won titles, including Lara Moffat, who won the shot with a Championship and MMKAC club record of 10.02m while Charlotte Underwood (Denbigh) won the 800m in 2.29.1 setting another Championship Best performance.





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Two gone: Alex Revell and Carl Baker, right, both left MK Dons yesterday



# All change at Dons as Baker and Revell leave

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**STRIKER Alex Revell and midfielder Carl Baker have both left Dons.**

The duo were popular with fans, but both have decided to seek pastures new, with Baker, 33, opting to join League Two Portsmouth, while Revell will play up front for League One rivals Northampton Town.

Manager Karl Robinson told mkdons.com: "We're disappointed Carl will not be with us next season

but we understand his excitement at this new challenge.

"He has been a terrific servant to this Football Club and he played a pivotal role in our promotion to the Championship. I'm sure if he'd have remained fit last season, we'd have had a much better chance of remaining in the division."

Baker departs stadiummk having scored 15 goals in 72 appearances for the Dons.

He joined the club on a free transfer in September 2014 and made his debut in the 2-0 victory over Yeovil

Town at Huish Park and won the Fans' Player of the Year award in the club's promotion-winning season.

Revell was also popular with Dons fans, especially after he saved a penalty against Preston North End in April last season after the keeper was sent off.

His departure leaves Dons with just Simon Church and Tom Hitchcock as strikers, who were both out of favour last season.

Of course there is a lot of pre-season left to go, but fans will be eager to see these players replaced

sooner rather than later. Revell, 32, scored four times for Dons in 17 games.

Before Dons he won back-to-back promotions with Rotherham United before he signed for Cardiff City in 2015. Revell's contract with Dons ends on July 1 and that is when the striker will complete his move to the Cobblers.

Meanwhile, the MK side have announced they will play Everton in a friendly at stadiummk. The match will kick off at 7.45pm on Tuesday, July 26.

## When will the frustration end for Ricciardo?

DANIEL Ricciardo was left with more frustration after the Canadian Grand Prix on Sunday.

The Red Bull driver has been plagued by problems of late, including a botched pit stop which cost him victory at the Monaco Grand Prix last time out.

This time it was a slow second pit stop that cost him, and he ended up seventh when he started on the grid from fourth.

Ricciardo has called on his team to perform better on Sundays so that they convert their good performances from Saturday qualifying.

Luckily for him there is a quick turnaround before the European Grand Prix takes place in Baku, Azerbaijan this weekend.

He said: "I think we didn't have the best race, fortunately we'll get another chance.

"We definitely need to make it a better Sunday in Baku. I'm always excited to go to a new track."

His teammate, youngster Max Verstappen, climbed a place from his initial qualifying from Saturday and he was happy with how things went in Montreal, especially considering that he crashed three times during the overall weekend at Monaco last time out.

"We did what we could today and that was a great job. We wanted to finish on the podium in front of the Williams but soon realised we were suffering with a bit too much tyre degradation.

"After Monaco it's nice to leave this race with a big smile on my face. Now looking ahead to Baku it's a new experience for everyone so we have to wait and see how the grip levels are but today was definitely positive for us."

Team principal Christian Horner said: "Overall this was a respectable performance at this kind of circuit and I look forward to the new track at Baku."



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